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SUBJ: NO CONCLUSIONS YET AS OAU CM CONSIDERS WESTERN SAHARA
AND HEARS TFAI SPEAKERS

REF: ADDIS 2395 AND PREVIOUS

1. LATE AFTERNOON OF FEB 27, OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (CM)
STILL HAS LIST OF 17 SPEAKERS TO BE HEARD ON ISSUE OF WESTERN
SAHARA. POLITICAL COMMITTEE DELEGATES SPENT MOST OF TODAY'S
SESSION LISTENING TO LONG MOROCCAN STATEMENT ON WESTERN SAHARA.
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NATIONS HAS YET WALKED OUT.

2. FEB 26 SESSION WENT LATE IN THE EVENING WITH SOMALIA STERNLY OPPOSED TO ALLOWING TFAI COUNCIL PRESIDENT ALI AREF ADDRESS CM. ETHIOPIAN MEDIA STATE THAT SOMALIA LONE OPPOSED ALI AREF, BUT SOMALI COUNSELOR (WHO MAY BE EXAGGERATING SOMEWHAT) TOLD EMBOFF THAT "ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THE OAU MEMBERSHIP" OPPOSED HIM. ACCORDING TO COUNSELOR, POLCOM CHAIRMAN ONU MADE PERSONAL APPEAL TO SOMALI DELEGATION, CALLING UPON PRINCIPLES OF AFRICAN UNITY, TO ALLOW AREF THE FLOOR RATHER THAN SPLIT THE CM BY REQUESTING A VOTE. SOMALIA REPORTEDLY THEN ACQUIESCED. AREF, LPAI SEC GEN HASSAN GOULED, AND, WE ARE TOLD, REPRESENTATIVES OF SOMALI-BACKED AND ETHIOPIAN-BACKED DJIBOUTI LIBERATION FRONTS WILL SPEAK SOMETIME FEB 27.

3. PLENARY HAS AGREED TO TRY TO SEND OAU COMMITTEE TO DJIBOUTI. SOMALI COUNSELOR STATED COMMISSION WILL BE CHAIRED BY EGYPT AND IS COMPOSED OF TANZANIA, SENEGALESE, GUINEAN, AND UGANDAN REPRESENTATIVES. THE AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE AND PETER ONU, OAU ASST. SEC GEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (REPRESENTING OAU SECRETARIAT), WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE.
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